

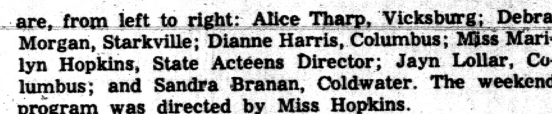
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Adequate parking space will be available this year at the Dallas Convention Center, and shuttle buses will be used between the convention hotels and the convention center, according to the local arrangements committee. Hotel registration cards are being distributed by Baptist state convention offices.



Mr. Wong announced also that the Hong Kong Brotherhood has accepted responsibility for the accommodations (sleeping, eating, and local transportation).

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The tax status of churches, religious and other charitable agencies

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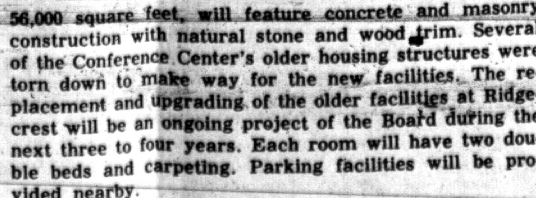
The Cooperative Program is the principal channel of mission giving of the denomination and accounts for about two-thirds of the total mission contributions.

Other state conventions showing increases were California, District of Columbia, Georgia, Florida, Hawaii, Kansas, New York, Northern Plains, Northwest, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

"We carried eight loads of mother and babies to the baby clinic today. Many of these babies have measles and other killing diseases. Dr. M. told me that if a baby has not had sufficient protein and gets measles there is just really no hope. Many are just starving to death, or get so weak that when they get flu they die."

"There is cholera here and just south of here, so you see what we dreaded has arrived. We have been

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Cooperative Program contribution reported in February alone, reached \$3,485,787.72 compared with \$2,952,762.46 for the same time in 1973, a 18.05 percent increase.

Extra gifts or averages of \$596,000 from four states sharing funds received from their 1972-73 budgets, plus a longer month, accounted for January being a larger month than February, Williams noted.

**STOCKHOLM (BP)** — Requests for 6,700 of 8,000 beds being held for the Baptist World Congress here, July 13, 1975, have already been reserved mostly by travel agencies, for the Baptist World Alliance — sponsor event.

Donald Hellstedt, executive secretary of the Stockholm Convention Bureau said his organization is holding rooms in Stockholm hotels, dormitories and private homes.

An attendance of 10,000, which could include about 8,000 Americans, is expected for the congress.

Hellstedt met with American Baptist leaders recently and with Robert S. Dennis, general secretary of the alliance, concerning details for the 1978 world meeting of Baptists.





Miss Marjean Patterson



Rev. Peyton Moore



Mrs. Peyton Moore



Rev. James Humphries



Mrs. J. Humphries



Mrs. J. P. Gilbert



Dr. Raymond Lloyd



Rev. Elie Woerner



Mrs. Herman Hayes



Dr. Earl Kelly

Ninety-Fifth Annual Meeting  
Ninety-Sixth Year  
of the

## Woman's Missionary Union

of Mississippi

Theme: "Committed To Give"

First Baptist Church, Starkville, March 26-27

COMMITTED TO GIVE

Tuesday Morning, 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTED TO GIVE OUR PRAYER

Pre-session music

Congregational Singing

Prayer

Theme Interpretation  
Marjean Patterson  
Mrs. Bullard Jones

Organization  
Greetings  
Special Music  
God At Work in Uganda  
Recognition of Associations  
Congregational Singing  
Offering Prayer  
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Special Music  
Missions in Vietnam  
Benediction

Mrs. Joseph M. Ernest

Mrs. A. T. Walker

Rev. Bill Garrett  
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Jerry Simon

Mrs. J. C. Davis

Women's Trio  
Herman Hayes  
Women's Trio

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 p.m.

COMMITTED TO GIVE OUR ORGANIZATIONS

Pre-session music

Congregational Singing

Prayer

Theme Interpretation  
Marjean Patterson  
Mrs. Bullard Jones

Congregational Singing  
From France to Louisiana  
WMU Around the World

"WE TOOK A GIANT STEP!"

Prayer

Congregational Singing

Special Music

WMU in Spanish? !S!

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# Home Town Raises \$1 Million For Radio-TV Agency

FORT WORTH (BP) — An inter-denominational effort in this home-town city of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, has raised more than \$1 million for the agency's second step campaign. The Radio-TV Commission is seeking to raise \$2 million nationwide for construction of a television production studio, a broadcast training center and for expansion of its facilities.

However, when it was noted rising prices pushed the needed amount to more than \$3 million, people in the Fort Worth area started a drive to provide the additional \$1 million.

"The effort was ecumenical," said Radio-TV Commission spokesman. We had representatives of the Disciples of Christ (Christian) Church, Episcopalians, Methodist and Presbyterian — as well as Southern Baptist — working on the campaign."

When the final report was made, Fort Worth residents raised \$1,000,292 for the commission.

Radio-TV Commission employees did their part, too. The 105 employees pledged \$111,805.20 to the effort.

A. L. Scott, president and chief executive officer of Kimbell, Inc. of Fort Worth, was chairman of the local effort. Scott is a member of Broadway Baptist Church.

National chairman is Charles D. Andy, chairman and chief executive officer of Tandy Corp., with headquarters in Fort Worth. Tandy also is a member of Broadway Baptist Church.

Second step campaigns currently are underway in Dallas, Houston, Miami, Atlanta, Birmingham and Greenville, S. C. Campaigns have been completed in Knoxville, Tenn., Roanoke, Va., Martinville — Henry County, Va., Shreveport, La., and Jackson, Miss.

# Woman Ordained, Is Approved For Chaplaincy Training

FORT WORTH (BP) — Jeanette Zachry is not the first Southern Baptist woman to be ordained to the ministry, but her ordination by Broadway Baptist Church here has given her claim to several "firsts," said Miss Zachry. She has received approval from the denomination through the Chaplains Commission at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and from the U. S. Air Force to train as a chaplain. Although she is the ninth woman in the Southern Baptist Convention to be ordained, she is the first to be approved for chaplaincy training and expects endorsement after she graduates from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1978.

She is the first woman student at Southwestern Seminary, the world's largest accredited seminary, to receive ordination, a spokesman said, and is believed to be the first woman to be ordained by a church affiliated with the two - million - member Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Miss Zachry, a graduate of Louisiana College in Pineville, has worked in the New Orleans Sellers Baptist Home and Adoption Center, conducted a resort ministry in Wyoming and served as a youth director in a church in Minden, La. She presently serves as a housemother and chaplain to youngsters, aged 6-18, at the Lena Pope Home, Fort Worth.

The Air Force swore in its first woman chaplain of any denomination last September — First Lt. Lorraine Kay Potter, an American Baptist. Her mother, Mrs. Frances M. Fallon, is also an ordained Baptist minister.

Lillian Wells Galphin of Vance, S. C., ordained shortly before Miss Zachry, by Corinth Baptist Church in Vance, is believed to be the eighth woman ordained by an SBC-affiliated church. She is a graduate of Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

# Pastors' Meet To Open With Spectacular

## Pastor's Conference To Open

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son, Pasadena, Tex., and by Claude Rhea, head of the music department at Samford University in Birmingham.

Three sessions on Monday, to begin at 9:15 a.m., will carry the theme, "There Is Hope for Your Church," with Brandt to speak in the morning session on, "The Pastor and His Tools."

J. D. Grey, retired pastor from New Orleans, will discuss the pastor's role as "The Undershepherd of the Flock," and Ronald Prince, pastor from Minden, La., will address the conference on, "The Church Is Here to Stay."

Completing the Monday morning slate will be Lockridge, whose topic will be, "Lordship of Christ."

Special music on Monday morning will be presented by Doug and Mary Scott and by the Free Spirit, from Mobile, Ala.

The Monday afternoon session will begin with a concert by the Centurymen, singing ensemble sponsored by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. The group is directed by Buryl Red, New York, and accompanied by Max Lyall, Nashville.

Speakers and their topics for the afternoon will include: Brandt, on "The Pastor and His Family;" Harold Fickett, pastor from Van Nuys, Calif., on "The Priority on Evangelism," and James Pleitz, pastor from Pensacola, Fla., to speak on "The Pastor's Power."

Rounding out the Monday afternoon speaker's docket will be Warren C. Hultgren, pastor from Tulsa, Okla. His topic will be "Where Pastors Often Fail." New officers for the Pastor's Conference, 1974-75, will be elected on Monday afternoon and presented during the evening session.

The final session of the Pastor's Conference, on Monday evening, will feature a concert by New York City Opera stars, Robert Hale and Dean Wilder, and special music by George Beverly Shea of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Cliff Barrows, also of the Graham organization, will speak on the subject, "The King Is Coming."

Other speakers and topics for the final session will be: Eddie Leiberman, pastor from Greenville, S. C., on "The Preachers' Paradox;" Andrew Tampling, pastor from Birmingham, Ala., on "The Preacher's Message;" and Edwin Young, pastor from Columbia, S.C., on "The Pastor's Authority."

Jaroy Weber, president of the Pastor's Conference, SBC, and the pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Tex., said he hopes the conference will help to re-establish confidence and hope, where needed, in the minds of pastors "so they can return to their local situations committed to the task of reaching people and making disciples.

Weber said, "The idea in the sessions is that Jesus Christ has always been adequate, is adequate now and will always be so."

## Pastor's Conference Program

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8:50 "Old Time Religion," W. A. Criswell, Dallas, Tex.  
9:30 Benediction, Bill Sutton, Orlando, Fla.

### Monday Morning Session

9:15 Hymn, Doug Scott, Mobile, Ala.  
9:20 Scripture and Prayer, John Morgan, Houston, Tex.  
9:25 Special Music, The Free Spirit, Mobile, Ala.  
9:35 "The Pastor and His Tools," Henry Brandt  
10:00 "The Church's Prophet," Bailey Smith, Def City, Okla.  
10:25 Special Music  
10:30 "The Church Is Here to Stay," Ronald Prince, Minden, La.  
10:55 Congregational Sing, Doug Scott  
11:00 Offering  
11:05 "The Undershepherd of the Flock," J. D. Grey, New Orleans, Louisiana  
11:35 Special Music, Doug & Mary Scott, Mobile, Ala.  
11:40 "Lordship of Christ," S. M. Lockridge  
12:10 Benediction, Larry Kennedy, Amory, Miss.

### Monday Afternoon Session

1:45 Concert by the Centurymen  
1:55 "Pastor and His Family," Henry Brandt  
2:20 Special Music, Centurymen  
2:25 "The Priority on Evangelism," Harold Fickett, Van Nuys, California  
2:55 Congregational Sing  
3:00 Election of Officers  
3:10 Offering  
3:20 "Pastor's Power," James Pleitz, Pensacola, Fla.  
3:40 Special Music, Nettie Weber, Lubbock, Tex.  
3:50 "Where Pastors Often Fail," Warren Hultgren, Tulsa, Okla.  
4:20 Benediction, Clark Hutchinson, Georgia

### Monday Evening Session

6:45 Hymn and Prayer  
6:55 Presentation of New Officers  
7:00 "Preacher's Paradox," Eddie Leiberman, Greenville, S. C.  
7:25 Concert, Robert Hale & Dean Wilder, New York City Opera  
7:40 "The Preacher's Message," Andrew Tampling, Birmingham, Alabama  
8:05 Congregational Sing  
8:10 Offering  
8:20 "The Pastor's Authority," Edwin Young, Columbia, S. C.  
8:45 Special Music, George Beverly Shea, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association  
8:50 "The King Is Coming," Cliff Barrows, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association  
9:30 Benediction, A. O. Jenkins, Homer, La.  
President — Jaroy Weber, Lubbock, Tex.  
Vice-President — Bill Weber, Dallas, Tex.  
Secretary — Harold H. Coble, Midway City, Calif.  
Music Director — Ron Lowry, Lubbock, Tex.

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# U. S. Court Strikes Down California Tax Credit Law

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — A three-judge panel in Federal District Court, San Francisco, has struck down a state law providing \$125 credit on income tax in recognition of amounts paid for their child's tuition in a parochial school. Plaintiffs in the lawsuit were Americans United for Separation of Church and State and United Americans for Public Schools. Plaintiffs charged — and the court agreed — that parents of parochial school students were conduits to convey a state benefit to a sectarian school. The court found that the tax-credit program offended the First Amendment religion clause which forbids acts respecting establishment of religion. The court held that "a statistical guarantee that public funds will not be used to finance religious education does not satisfy the Establishment Clause."

C. Stanley Lowell, Associate Director of Americans United, commented: "We commend the federal court in San Francisco for upholding a strict interpretation of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment, just as a federal court in Louisiana has recently done."

## Holly Springs Homecoming

Holly Springs Church, Lincoln County, near Brookhaven will observe homecoming on Sunday March 17.

Rev. Jeff Johnson of Brookhaven, will bring the message, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McGee of Jackson, will lead the song services.

Friends, former members, and former pastors are invited.  
Rev. Glen McInnis of Hazlehurst is pastor.

## News Briefs

BRASILIA, Brazil — Joao F. Soren, former president of the Baptist World Alliance, was elected president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention by the 1,837 messengers attending its 56th annual meeting here recently. Soren, pastor of First Baptist Church and professor at the South Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary, both in Rio de Janeiro, has been president of the convention nine times. He also previously served as president of the seminary for four years.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Spring enrollment at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary increased for the twelfth consecutive year as each of the seminary's three schools gained students. Enrollment for the Spring 1974 term is 1,218, compared to 1,149 last year.

EL PASO, Texas — A Spanish translation of the Gospel of John, which sold 18,238 copies in six months, heads the list of the ten best selling books published during the last half of 1973 by the Baptist Spanish Publishing House here. Second on the list with 10,790 copies was a Spanish translation of the New Testament with verses printed in red to indicate the plan of salvation. Roberto Celestino: The Cross Across the Waves by Limardo and Rodriguez placed third with 5,605 copies.

ATLANTA, GA. — A Literacy Missions Leadership Workshop will convene July 15-23, 1974 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Designed primarily for participants with experience in literacy missions, the week-long workshop will provide training in conducting workshops and providing leadership in their home areas.

NASHVILLE — The "Weekday Early Education: A Christian Support System for the Family" seminar has been planned by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church administration department for March 18-22 at Callaway Gardens in Georgia.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Formation of a long-range planning committee to identify Brotherhood objectives and goals by priority through 1984 was announced here by Hovie Revis of Greenwood, S.C., chairman of the Brotherhood Commission. The timetable calls for the committee to make recommendations at the annual meeting of the Commission in August of 1975.

BRASILIA — Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission, praised Brazilian Baptists here for their wide use of lay people in their churches. In an address to the Brazilian Baptist Convention in the 25,000-seat Medici Gymnasium, McCullough said he wanted to congratulate Brazilian Baptists for assuming a leadership role in the hemisphere for using lay people.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — While most institutions of higher education are experiencing low enrollments, at Southern Baptist Seminary the enrollment is getting higher. Regular students enrolled for degrees in the January interterm increased by more than 13% this year for a total enrollment of 713 students. Including inter-seminary visiting students from other TEAM-A schools and one auditing student, the enrollment for the January interterm reached 743.

WACO — About 50 books, 90 booklets and pamphlets, 15 plaques and various other memorabilia belonging to the late Dr. Joseph Martin Dawson have been donated to the J. M. Dawson Studies in Church and State program at Baylor University. Presentation of the materials was made by Dawson's daughter, Mrs. David A. Cheavens of 304 Harrington Avenue in Waco, on behalf of her brothers and sister — Leighton B. Dawson of Corsicana, R. Matt Dawson of 3416 Stewart Circle in Waco, Joseph T. Dawson of Corpus Christi and Mrs. Roy W. Van Hove of Austin. Most of the books and pamphlets in the collection deal with religious liberty and church-state relations, subjects to which Dawson devoted most of his life. The family also contributed Dawson's academic hoods and caps, photographs of Dawson, scrapbooks, tributes, datebooks and other personal effects.

## Revival Dates

Pleasant Hill, Bogue Chitto: March 15, 16, 17; Dr. Chester Swor, well-known author and lecturer, evangelist; Rev. Carl Dickerson, new pastor, leading music; services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday; 7:30 p.m. week nights.

Eastside Church, Pearl: March 17-22; Rev. James Fancher, Jackson, evangelist; Michael D. Rodgers, minister of music/youth, Pearson Church, Pearl, director of revival music; weekday services 7:30 p.m., Rev. Howard Benton, Pastor.

for revival; Bob Payne, music director; services at 7:00 p.m. nightly and 11 a.m. Sunday; dinner on ground after 11 a.m. service Sunday.

Alta Woods, Jackson: March 31 - April 7; Dr. Charles E. Myers, pastor; Dr. W. J. Wimpee, chaplain of Baylor University at Waco, Texas, also professor of religion and foreign student advisor, evangelist; Clint and Jarvis Rose Nichols, well-known gospel singers, music evangelists (Mr. Nichols is assistant professor of music at University of Southern Mississippi); services each evening and morning except Saturday morning.

Manville, La., evangelist; Rick Forbes, minister of music at Shaw, song leader; services at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. Eugene Wigley, pastor.

Fellowship Church (Tippah): March 13-17; Rev. Guy Culver, pastor, North Side, New Albany, evangelist; singing led by pastor, Rev. Roy R. Marshall.

Bethel (Rankin): March 20-24; Rev. James Gill, pastor of Antioch Church, Pelahatchie, evangelist; Joe Wood, minister of music and youth at Bethel, in charge of music; Charles Layton, youth pastor; Rev. Elton Moore, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.

Oak Grove, Meridian: March 25-31; 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. through 7 p.m. Sun.; Jerry Scott, pastor, Cannon Memorial, Central, S. C., evangelist; Reggie Moss, music minister, Oakland Heights, Meridian, singer; Rev. Ernest Rockwell, pastor.

## Jones, McCullough Wed Easter Week

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP) — Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission, and Miss Marjorie Jones, pictured, a Southern Baptist missionary to Equatorial Brazil, will marry during Easter week.



Miss Jones and Glendon McCullough. His first wife, the former Ernestine Kessler, died almost five years ago.

Miss Jones, who was born in Alexandria, La., and reared in Baton Rouge, holds a bachelor of arts degree from Louisiana College and a master's degree in religious education from Woman's Missionary Union Training School, Louisville, Ky.

After stints as a state WMU leader in Kentucky and Louisiana, she began her foreign missionary service in 1955 in Nigeria.

During 1965-69, Miss Jones served as director of Girls Auxiliary (missions education program for girls) for WMU in Birmingham. She was reassigned to Brazil by the Foreign Mission Board in 1970.

Before joining the Brotherhood Commission as chief administrative officer in 1971, McCullough served as director of the division of personnel for the Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

## Pass Road Takes Stand Against Horse, Dog Racing

Pass Road Church, Gulfport, has adopted the following resolution:

"We the members of Pass Road Baptist Church want to go on record as being opposed to the horse racing and dog racing legislation.

"We affirm that this form of racing, designed to encourage gambling is morally wrong, socially corrupting, unethical and often criminally operated. We request our pastors, deacons, directors, and teachers to teach on the evils of such activities. We ask our legislature to vote against legalized horse racing, dog racing or gambling in any form and assure them of our support in their stand."

Rev. A. M. Moore, III is pastor.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

Grant Avenue Church, Corvallis, Oregon: Rev. James Fancher, Jackson evangelist, preaching; 12 professions of faith; four additions by letter; Sunday attendance at an all-time high; as a result of the week's outreach emphasis, the church is making progress in starting a bus ministry; Rev. Hayward Moore, pastor. (Pastor Moore states, "We are the only SBC church in the county. Revivals are hard to promote in university town and in the north west. But by the help of God and James, we experienced a revival. His "Uncle Jim" program was well received by 75 first through sixth graders. I recommend James as a solid church revival preacher. He was what we needed."

By Nella Dean Whitten

## MISSION STUDY BOOK BANNED; DENIED ENTRANCE INTO SPAIN

MADRID, Spain (BP) — A mission study book published by the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Tex., has been banned and denied entry into Spain by censors here.

Jose Cardona, executive secretary of the legal organization of evangelicals, and the person who released the information about the censors, plans to ask them for additional information explaining why the book was rejected and will request that they reconsider their decision.

Mas Alto Que Montgo (Higher Than Montgo) by Mrs. Charles Whitten, written for children nine to 11 years old, is a "fiction-based-on-fact" book about a girl from an interior Spanish village who had a personal encounter with Christ at the Denia Baptist Camp.

The story told that the girl's family was originally opposed to her attending the camp because they were not Baptists. The girl went to camp hoping to climb the Mountain Montgo at the back of the grounds, and after she had an experience with Christ, she left camp thinking she would tell family and friends that she went higher than the mountain, up to where God was.

The Spanish Baptist Publishing House is operated by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.



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### Guest Editorial

## Measuring Ministry Of Church

**Baptist Courier, South Carolina**  
How do you measure the ministry of a church? Given such an assignment, how would you go about it? The criteria most frequently used and that come most readily to mind are membership and budget. If both these are comparatively large the body is described as a strong church. Usually it is called also good, influential, leading, outstanding.

These terms are almost certainly applied if the church has a history of generous mission support, if it has produced one or more noted missionaries or ministers, and especially if it has a record of calling and keeping noted pastors.

Each of these is a valid measure. Together they comprise several of the important criteria of a great church. Certainly growing membership is indication of greatness. People are not drawn for long to a purposeless fellowship. A growing budget is another barometer of greatness. A church in which the people increase their stewardship and mission support could be called great.

Other indications of church greatness include a successful building program and debt retirement, effective and

working organizational programs, newsworthy special events, honors and elective leadership offices accorded the pastor.

But a church can be great without achieving any of these marks. Conversely, it can fall short of greatness despite most of these attainments.

A great church honors God by caring for the souls of men. It is marked first by an evangelistic concern. It has objectives of enlistment and of ministry. Size, building, budget, recognition may be determined in part by external factors and must therefore yield to these more valid criteria of measurement.

Great churches come in all sizes and places. Their greatness is determined by their ministry under the circumstances of their existence. Here are eight principal kinds of churches in South Carolina, each great to the extent of its outreach and ministry:

The large, downtown church. Steeped in history and tradition, it includes in its membership the town's wealth and those who determine its destiny. It must aggressively engage in mission endeavors at the community level while giving to support world missions. Its work must match its money. Otherwise it turns inward, baptizing only its children and shutting out the world.

The church in the growing suburbs. Carefully conceived and strategically located, it can hardly avoid numerical growth. Its problems are not so much enlisting new members as recruiting sufficient leaders for its programs and planning far enough ahead for future buildings. Its opportunity to achieve greatness is not limited to head counts and buildings. It must engage in programs of spiritual enrichment and be a fellowship seeking God's purpose.

The country church. Well out of town and far removed from any city, this church quite likely is old. Its membership is static, with neither gains nor losses more than slight. Complacency is its worst enemy as it ministers to changing needs in a seemingly changeless setting.

The country church in change. This church is beset by problems and confronted by new opportunities. It is rooted in a rural past. But it has been overtaken by the sprawling residential areas that reached out from the city. Its worst mistake would be to ignore the reality of change or reject its new opportunities. It must seek out every new resident, ministering to him and enlisting him in turn to minister to others.

The city church in a rezoned community. As its neighborhood changes from homes to businesses this church is almost certain to suffer heavy membership losses. Its future may be in doubt. It has a God-given responsibility to weigh against other alternatives its obligation to those remaining in the membership. Its finest hour can be a rearguard action against premature abandonment of a changing community.

The church as the community changes from white to black. Quick population shifts have left dozens of white Baptist churches of our South Carolina cities in black communities. A church must show Christian brotherhood in such change. It can welcome anyone to its services, it can initiate programs of service across racial boundaries, or if its membership dwindles it can seek to sell its buildings to the new residents of the area.

The closed community church. This church is far along in change or in deep trouble because the closed community, be it textile, military, mar-time or other, is gone. It has only two options—to become truly a community church or disband. The measure of its greatness, like in all churches, can be seen in how truly it accepts new members into the fellowship.

The relocating church. This takes the faith of Abraham and the wisdom of Solomon. If for any of the reasons cited or others a move is contemplated, the need for a church in another place must be weighed against the need for one in the former location. A move can be a spiritual pilgrimage under God's leadership — John E. Roberts

### A letter from home

## Is God to blame?

Some insurance companies write policies that close by excluding certain "acts of God." The presumption is that if something bad happens you can't explain, or don't expect, then God is the culprit!

"God is too unpredictable to insure," is another way of saying it. So God is the whipping boy when there's no one else to whip.

So God gets blamed for tornadoes, but not for sun-spashed days in June.

He gets blamed for rampaging rivers that swallow up whole communities, but not for a country stream where kids splash and laugh in the summertime.

God gets blamed for earthquakes that convulse the ground in terror, but not for gently rolling hillsides dotted with blooming peach trees in April.

He gets blamed for arctic blasts of air that paralyze the whole midsection of a nation, but not for an icy mountain stream that cools the feet of a summer hiker.

God gets blamed for a drought that turns the soil to sterile dust, but not for the gentle rains of spring that nourish the newly-planted crops.

He gets blamed for a late-winter epidemic that kills thousands of the aged in one country, but not for a new wonder drug that saves millions of little lives in dozens of countries.

Yes, God gets the blame for the black underbelly of life. For the mysterious and the unknown and the scary.

If we were wise, we'd credit him the very next time something good happens to us. For if I'm on speaking terms with God on cloudy days, I might be surer of a good connection on sunny days. God is not only for Unexplainable Emergencies. He's also for the first crocus that pushes its head through a February snow.

Bob Hastings



## WEDGING IN A PRAYER TIME

### On The MORAL SCENE...

**DOCTORS AND ALCOHOLISM** — Physicians suffer the highest alcoholism rate of any profession in America, the California Medical Association was told recently. "We lose the equivalent of one medical school class a year," said Dr. Charles E. Becker, head of alcoholic detoxification at San Francisco General Hospital. Becker, also an assistant professor at the University of California Medical Center, urged physicians to be more alert to early symptoms in themselves and their patients. —(The Washington Post, 3-5-74)

**DRUG COSTS** — Because drug prices aren't advertised, pharmacists often charge what the traffic will bear. Huge disparities in the cost of prescriptions have developed from one community to another and from store to store. A recent study, directed by Congressman Benjamin Rosenthal of New York, gives these examples: For a generic prescription of 56 capsules of ampicillin in Washington, D.C., the price ranged from \$4.40 to \$17.85; in New York, \$6.50 to \$16.75. Thirty capsules of another drug bought in Washington for \$1.50 to \$5.50, depending on the store; in New York, for \$2.40 to \$4.95. —(From Everybody's Money, Winter 73-74)

### Six Simple Suggestions For Church Greatness

Dr. Carl Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, offers six simple suggestions to assure greatness in a church. These would be good guidelines for us to follow:

1. Never allow a day to pass without taking time to PRAY for your church and its special projects.
2. Never speak to anyone without saying a word of PRAISE for your church and your pastor. The criticism will be spoken loud and often; see that the praise is louder.
3. Never fail to show FRIENDLINESS to everyone in all church services, especially to the newcomer, the absentee. Nothing can substitute for old-fashioned friendliness.
4. Never push your church down into a position of lesser importance as compared with social engagements, secular meetings, or anything else. There is no greater power for a church than that of members who quietly PUT THE CHURCH FIRST.
5. Never refuse an opportunity to SERVE. Be willing to serve in any capacity you are requested. All service ranks the same with God.
6. ATTEND CHURCH every Sunday. Make next Sunday a great day in your life by being in all services.

—The Messenger, FBC, Newton

### NEWEST BOOKS

**HE SPOKE, AND I WAS STRENGTHENED** by Dick Mills (Whitaker House, paper, 174 pp., \$1.25).

Here are messages for the harried businessman, the extrovert, the introvert, the restless, the desecrated, the sick, the gifted, the lonely, the bereaved—something for everybody. The usual thing about this book is that the messages are phrased as if they might be the words of the Lord speaking to you. The author is an evangelist and teacher.

**TANYA AND THE BORDER GUARD** by Anita Deyneka (David C. Cook, paper, 94 pp., 95c). About courageous Christians behind Russia's Iron Curtain, this is a story of high adventure for young readers. It is a story about Christians who could not have Bibles and who had to meet in secret in the woods.

**THE POOR LITTLE RICH KING AND OTHER STORIES** (David C. Cook, paper, 94 pp.). Eighteen delightful tales of faith and fantasy for boys and girls everywhere. Parents as well as children will like these stories of princes and kings, boys and girls, wayward animals and unruled nature, tales of sharing, goodwill, the power of the smile, the pleasure of giving, contagious cheer, thanksgiving, and learning responsibility.



A Woman's World Reaches Far

## Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

My family is finding it necessary to be very kind to me this week. In fact, I keep seeing kid gloves lying around. It's that kind of crisis.

I went to the doctor last week, a doctor I really thought was my friend. When James was his fiancée's pastor, I helped decorate for their wedding, and helped get them greatly married. You'd think a fellow would remember things like that.

When I sat in the chair across from him, he said, "Do you take insulin or the tablets?"

"How did you know I'm diabetic?"  
"Oh, I see so many of them I can nearly 'bout spot them every time."

I really think James tattled on that point when he made my appointment, but, be that as it may, the doctor went about his task. Many of my waking hours the week before I went had been spent in preparing the right answers to the questions I was sure I would be asked. Anticipating every possibility, I was ready with all the answers.

However, my answers didn't fit his questions. Then when I began asking him questions, all his answers fit. Though I knew I was on the losing side, I put up a good little argumentative fight.

The doctor said, "I'm sorry, but it's true; you will have some adjusting to do."

"How long? I don't think I can adjust until school's out."

"Well, when it happened to me, the first day I felt awful — headache, nausea, unbalanced." (I wanted to say I didn't think he'd recover from that last symptom, considering his conversation with me; but I didn't) "then the next day I got busy and have done fine ever since."

When I got home, I crept in. Two of the boys were home. "Boy, that doctor sure knows how to make a woman's day."

Eyes widened.

"What kind of doctor?"

"A very stubborn doctor."

Voices raised.

"What kind of doctor?"

I explained to them and went to our bedroom, still relatively calm.

However, it was truly one of life's belittling moments when James called that night to see if I had my new glasses yet, and I had to say, "No, but when I do, you know that they're going to be?"

"Oh, Maman, you're getting ol..."

"Don't say that," I interrupted him. "Just call me your Bifocal Baby."

Oh, me. — Box 9151, Jackson, Ms. 39206.

It is extremely difficult for the tolerant to tolerate the intolerant.

Every tomorrow has two handles: we can take hold by the handle of anxiety or by the handle of faith.

Some people have the habit of finding things before they are lost.

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# 200 Southern Baptist Youth Are Needed As Conference Leaders For World Meet

By Baptist World Alliance  
Public Relations

Two hundred Southern Baptist youth, ages 16-25, are needed to lead small (core) groups at the 8th Baptist Youth World Conference in Portland, Ore., July 31-Aug. 4, 1974.

Franklin D. Farmer, resource chairman, has called for the services of 200 youth who would like to "be the very heart of the international, Baptist World Alliance - sponsored conference."

Young people serving as core leaders will be asked to come earlier than the July 31 starting date to enable time for training and orientation.

Application deadline for the core leadership positions is March 31. Core leaders will have to be in Portland by 6 p.m. on July 28 for the training-orientation, Farmer said.

Young people interested in applying should contact Franklin D. Farmer, supervisor, youth section, Sunday School Department Baptist World Alliance, Nashville, Tenn. 37224.

Core leaders, their families or churches will provide their own travel

costs, room and board costs during the conference and registration fee. The BWA will pay room and board for core leaders during the training and orientation period.

**Additional Information**  
DUTIES: The core leader will work with a group of 10 youth and/or adult delegates. The core leader:

1. Will receive program material

## Preschool Workshop At MC June 10-14

A preschool workshop will be held at Mississippi College June 10-14, on the theme, "Today's Child." The sessions will take place in the B. C. Rogers Student Center at the college.

One and one-half semester hours of undergraduate or graduate credit may be earned by those taking part. Or one may attend without receiving credit.

For further information contact Dr. Frances McGuffee, Box 4054, Clinton, Ms. 39058 (phone 924-5131, ext. 211).

already designed by a Satellite designer.

2. Will be trained by the Planning and Implementation Team and specifically by the appointed Satellite leader during the prescribed training period before the conference.

3. Will be available for person-to-person contact at times other than the stated morning groupings.

4. Will encourage each member to contribute to and take an active part in the morning Satellite program.

5. Is responsible primarily to his/her cluster leader and the Community leadership team.

Applicants should include their full name, address (street or P. O. Box number), city, state and zip code, age, school and grade or occupation, also where they are church members. A note or letter of approval should be signed by one of the following: the young person's pastor, youth director, church youth teacher, Baptist Student Union Director or similar Baptist youth leader.

Mail to Franklin D. Farmer, Supervisor, youth section, Sunday School Department, Baptist World Alliance, Nashville, Tenn. 37224.



## Billboard Supports Sunday Night Place

This billboard supporting CHURCH: THE SUNDAY NIGHT PLACE promotion in churches all over Mississippi can be seen in twenty-three locations throughout the state. Already responses like this one from Walnut Church in Tippah Association are being received: "Our enrolment has already increased almost 15% in the new church year, and our average attendance for the first five months of this church year is 22% greater than for the same period of time last year. In our case these figures do not represent large numbers, however, to us, it is tremendous growth." The pastor is Rev. Jimmy Bryant.

## Sunday School Board Names New Personnel Manager

NASHVILLE (BP) — Kenton C.

Hofmeister, 37, supervisor of the youth section in the church-training department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, has been elected manager of the board's personnel department.

Hofmeister was elected by the trustees of the board to succeed Leonard E. Wedel, who retired last year after 29 years as director of the office of personnel.

# Shorosh Returns To U.S. After Campaigns In India, Pakistan



At Rawalpindi, the old capital of Pakistan, 3,000 people attended crusades at Jubilee Hall to hear Rev. Anis Shorosh preach.

Internationally known Baptist evangelist Anis Shorosh, based in Mobile, Ala., has just returned from a three-week evangelistic crusade during February in Pakistan. Before going to Pakistan he spent several weeks preaching in India.

Mr. Shorosh's third visit in six years gave him the opportunity to preach the good news in six different cities of Pakistan. Although the Christian population is a mere 1%, the evangelist declared that over 25,000 people attended the crusades. In a number of occasions there was standing room only. The Evangelical Fellowship of Pakistan sponsored the cross-country campaigns with even a remarkable Sunday morning joint service of all the churches in the old capital of Pakistan, Rawalpindi.

Because of Bangladesh tragedy, recent devastating floods and other internal problems evangelist Shorosh emphasizes the great need for pray-



Anis Shorosh in New Delhi, India.

er and help from our side of the world.

While he was in Abbotabad, Pakistan, Mr. Shorosh (a graduate of Clarke College, who grew up in Nazareth, Israel) wrote:

"Visa problems seemed insurmountable. But God even baffled our own U. S. Consular officer by removing the official in charge of visa and getting a new man who gave me one in a short time. Imagine, the U. S. officer, who seems either agnostic or atheist, confessed, 'Your facility of prayer seems to work for you.' Amen! Because of a historic Moslem Conference restrictions on visas, foreign missionaries and visitors has never been so tough."

"Moreover, crowds have exceeded anything they have ever seen in a

campaign.

"Missionaries of all denominations along with nationals are cooperating. To God be the Glory!"

"The joy of the Lord is spreading among His children and gifts of all sorts are being given me. So I bought a suitcase to put them in. The only bad thing is the loss of my luggage. I have been wearing borrowed clothes ever since I arrived in Pakistan. But it seems so nice to travel with only a brief case. It is very cold. I went to Murree (7,000 ft high) and enjoyed snow and Christian fellowship Tuesday."

Earlier Mr. Shorosh reported that the month in India was fantastic, except for the air strike.

Dick Barrett of Bremen, Georgia, and Evangelist Shorosh travelled day and night by slow train to get to their destinations. Out of eleven places planned, they made it to nine. He observed, "It's a gruelling trip when one rides a train for 14 hours to cover 450 miles."

He experiences in India included many things: special movie - making of the new Baptist hospital in Bangalore; a first visit to Union Biblical Seminary, largest in Asia, located at Yeotmal (he preached to the student body there twice and conducted three major services in the city town hall); preaching to a huge crowd at the famous religious capital of India, Varanasi, during his campaign at St. Paul's large auditorium where many trusted Jesus; and visiting Lucknow, an outstanding center of culture for North India.

He attended, as a journalist, the colorful annual celebration of Republic's Day. His camera position was

held in a Grange Hall. They had to temporarily cancel their Sunday evening outreach program for youth until more workers can be enlisted. "Attendance has grown into the 70's of a rough group of youth and children who really need to learn that God cares for them. With very few workers it was impossible to have a learning situation. We hope to reinstate this program in the very near future," states Mr. Ivey.

He continues, "In three towns we have a weekly Home Fellowship Bible study. We hope to have still others in the near future. One of the Home Fellowships is 35 miles away. The hostess for this one used to live across the street from us. Soon after we started a Bible study in her home here, this young Catholic mother was converted and was baptized into the fellowship of our Chapel. She is a radiant Christian who began immediately to share her faith with others. When she moved we began a Bible study after new residence."

"Some of the other Chapel activities include regular worship services in one nursing home and periodic services in another, boys club and a Happy Time Club for younger children. "Plans are being made for a busy summer this year. We expect to have two student summer missionaries for the summer, one choir for one week and hopefully a team of adults to do follow-up visitation at the end of the summer."

"As we look forward to the season of prayer for Home Missions, we are reminded of your special efforts in prayer and financial support. Your continuing support and special gifts make our existence as a Chapel possible. Thank you, all of you, who participate in prayer support and in any other way in our work here in New Jersey for Christ. As you pray and as you give, be assured you have a vital part in sharing with others that 'In Him is Life.' May God bless your ministry to the glory of Christ."

## At Annie Armstrong Offering Time

## Former Mississippians Report On Home Missions In New Jersey

Duane and Faye Ivey, Mississippians, are still serving with the Home Mission Board in New Jersey and live at 14 Shorebrook Circle, Neptune, New Jersey 07753.

Mrs. Ivey and their son, Randal, were in a very serious automobile accident in the fall of 1972. In January, Rev. Duane Ivey began serving as a chaplain in the hospital where his wife and son have spent so much time. Faye spent most of the first eight months following the accident in this hospital. She gets about the house well now with her wheelchair and walker. The last report on X-rays

showed her broken neck and both broken legs still healing. The doctor wants her to improve before further surgery. He says she will not be able to walk as before the accident but expects her eventually to get about much better than she does now. Randal's doctor assures him that the stiffness and abnormal feeling in his foot and ankle will go away. Although he missed over four months of school, he passed to tenth grade with the help of tutors, Duane's sister, Bobbie, is now staying with the family.

The Baptist Chapel at South Monmouth now has 21 members. Sunday morning Bible study and worship is

# Baptist Work In Hawaii

By Marjean Patterson,  
Executive Secretary  
Mississippi WMU

"Can you come out to Hawaii and help us?" This was the question Mary Lee Askew asked me one day last summer. Since a trip to our beautiful 50th state is a bit more involved than one to, say, Alabama or Tennessee, I told her I'd love to but we'd have to see.

Well, because of the generosity of Mississippi Baptist women I was able to spend two weeks recently in Hawaii, helping with WMU work out there. Mary Lee and Sue Nishikawa, WMU Director for Hawaii, had worked out a busy schedule for me.

I taught the Home Mission graded series book at four churches, led WMU methods conferences, met with associational WMU planning groups, had conferences with individuals, led a "how-to" workshop on Mission Support and spoke to participants in the state Baptist Young Women's retreat.

During my two weeks in the Aloha State, I was the houseguest of Dr. and Mrs. Curtis Askew. Curtis pastors the Japanese-speaking congregation at Olivet Baptist Church in Honolulu and is responsible for that church's hotel ministry. Mary Lee teaches at the Hawaii Baptist Academy and is serving as a state WMU officer.

Up until the time Hawaii became our 50th state, it was one of the areas of work of the Foreign Mission Board. Now, it relates to the Home Mission Board and receives some financial assistance from the Home Mission Board through Cooperative Program and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering funds.

The future for Baptist work in Hawaii is "bright as the promises of God." Pray for leaders of the state Baptist convention, for pastors of the 45 churches and church-type missions, and for all those who work in the churches.

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# Overcoming Hindrances To Church Growth

Acts 5:1 to 6:7  
By Clifton J. Allen

We may well keep in mind the subject of this course of study in the book of Acts: "How the Church Grew." There was persecution from without. Weakness and wickedness within were also detrimental to growth. But the number of believers increased, and there were abundant evidences of the power of the gospel through the activity of the Holy Spirit. Luke reports the good and bad in the Christian community. Ananias and Sapphira were guilty of deception when they were exposed. Complaint and friction developed between the Hellenists and the Hebrews over the distribution of the church over the distribution of the church; but in spite of these hindrances the number of converts increased.

The Lesson Explained  
CLOUTENESS AND DECEIT

The covetousness and deceit of Ananias and Sapphira show how subtly an work within the fellowship of believers. They sold a piece of prop-

erty but held back a part of the price from the gift to the church. They were free to give a part or give all. They wanted credit for more than they gave. Covetousness and pride led to the attempted deception. Peter sensed the deception. His burning denunciation charged Ananias with lying to the Holy Spirit. His sin was not in holding back a part but in pretending, hypocritically, that he was giving all. Satan's temptation had led him, not to lie to men, but to try to lie to God. When the sin of Ananias was exposed, he fell down-dead, as we learn from verse 5. The reason is not given. Was it a righteous stroke of divine judgment? Was his conscience so shocked at the open exposure of his terrible guilt that it resulted in his death? It could have been either. Sapphira also died suddenly when she came in a few hours after Ananias and when Peter confronted her with their having agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord. The whole church felt the reality of judgment in their midst; they responded with reverential fear.

PERSECUTION AND PERIL

The intervening part of the larger Bible passage calls for careful consideration. The church was growing in numbers and in the impact of its influence. But this very fact again provoked the high priest and the part of the Sadducees to another attack on the apostles, who were arrested and put in prison. They were released by an angel of the Lord during the night, who charged them to return to the Temple and speak the words of life. When the Sanhedrin assembled the day following and sent for the prisoners, they were amazed to learn that the apostles were not in the prison but in the Temple teaching the people. The members of the Sanhedrin wanted to kill the apostles, which they likely would have done but for the intervention of Gamaliel. The apostles rejoiced in the privilege of suffering for Jesus and continued daily in the Temple and in the homes to teach and preach that Jesus was the Christ.

MURMURING AND FRICTION

(6:1-7)

Seemingly, a considerable period of time intervened between the events of chapter 5 and chapter 6. The number of believers was growing, and many of these needed assistance for daily necessities. A cleav-

age developed between the Hebrews and the Hellenists, that is, between the Aramaic-speaking and Greek-speaking Jews. The Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews, feeling that there was favoritism shown toward the widows of the Aramaic-speaking group. The apostles wisely suggested to the church that seven men of good report, known for their spiritual dedication and wisdom, be chosen to supervise the distribution of relief funds among those in need. The apostles would thus be free to devote themselves more fully to the ministry of the Word. The suggested solution seemed a good one to the church, and seven persons were chosen for this responsibility. The names of the seven imply that they were all members of the Greek-speaking group, which seems to reflect both sound judgment and concern for fellowship on the part of the entire church. The hindrance from the friction that arose seemed to have been overcome. There were more and more converts through the preaching and teaching of the gospel. Even many priests became obedient to the faith, that is, members of the Christian community.

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## Meadowood Earns Church Training Recognition

Meadowood Church, Monroe Association, heads the list of churches qualifying for recognition in the use of the Church Training Achievement Award for February. This is the second church in the state attaining Distinguished Recognition. In this select group they join Friendship Church, Pike Association.

Bob Reedy is the Church Training Director at Meadowood and Rev. Earl Ezell is the pastor of Meadowood Church.

Four other churches attained Advanced Recognition during the month. These are Woodlawn, Warren, Ivory, Lebanon; First Pontotoc, Pontotoc; and Northside, Union County.

Six additional churches qualified for Recognition: Easton, Louisville; First, Ecru, Pontotoc; First, Harrison; First Lexington, Holmes; New Hope, Marion; and Walnut, Tippah.

With the addition of these churches there are to date this year two churches qualifying for Distinguished Recognition; twelve churches qualifying for Advanced Recognition; and twenty-two for Merit Recognition. A special plaque will be awarded at the end of the year to churches earning Distinguished Recognition.

## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work Lord Of The Secular

Mark 12:28-34, 38-40  
By Bill Duncan

Is it possible to separate church and state, church and community, and Sunday-Monday, tithing and spending, the Bible and life?

Bliss Carman in commenting on our non-involvement as Christians said that evil has nothing to fear from those of us who gather one day a week behind stained glass windows to worship. Said he:

"They're praising God on Sunday. They'll be all right on Monday. It's just a little habit they've acquired."

In Jesus' day as well as ours a great deal is said about the sacred versus the secular. What do we mean by the term secular? Most people and authorities mean a disconnected with the world and its affairs; of things not religious or sacred; worldly." Harvey Cox has written a book entitled *The Secular City*.

The symbol of the American culture is the cloverleaf, shuttling traffic on the move. The symbol of the life style of Christianity is a cross. Are these two life-styles to be completely separate? Should the cross have any influence upon the drivers who travel the cloverleaf? Jesus would say that He is the Lord of the secular as well as the sacred.

It appears that in the twelfth chapter of Mark many religious and political groups sought to discredit Him by asking Him questions that had divided the thoughts of men: Jesus was able to answer them with wisdom from above. One of the scribes asked Jesus a test question. "What commandment is the foremost of all?" Jesus gave him a sympathetic hearing and a clear and forthright answer.

In order to understand the scribes question and the answer of Jesus, we need to keep in mind that the rabbis counted 613 commandments — 248 positive and 365 negative. Many great men had tried to reduce the commandments to a lesser number. Micah said, "What does the Lord require of thee but to justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Some experts on the law in Jesus' day thought there were great principles that should be very important, and then lesser matters of the law. There were others that thought even the smallest principle was equally binding. This question pertaining to the essence of the law was a living issue for the Jews of Jesus' day.

The answer Jesus gave was simple but it brought new understanding. First Jesus quoted the Shema (Deut. 6:4-5), "Hear O Israel, the Lord thy God is one Lord." This single sentence is called by some the creed of Judaism. It was used in every service of the synagogue and temple. The parents taught it to their children like we teach "God is love." When Jesus quoted this sentence as the first commandment, every devout Jew would have agreed.

Jesus then took another great commandment and put it with the first. The new thing Jesus did was to put them together. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Lev. 19:18). However, Jesus quoted it without any qualification and without any limiting boundaries. In its original context it had to do with a man's Jewish neighbor.

No one had ever put the two together. Love of God must be coupled

with love of man if the laws of God are to be fulfilled. "Hatred and ill will and contempt for others do not belong in the heart of one who professes to love God, through Jesus Christ, with all of his soul and all of his mind and all of his strength." Religion to Jesus was loving God and loving men.

I sought my soul  
But my soul I could not see.  
I sought my God,  
But my God eluded me.  
I sought my brother,  
And I found all three.  
—Author unknown

It is so easy to separate sacred and secular. The way we do this is by letting worship become a thing of the church building instead of a thing of the whole life. In the story of the Good Samaritan, the priest and Levite passed by the wounded traveler because they were eager to get on with the ritual of the temple.

Jesus spoke out against a religion that would separate life from reality in practice of love of God and love of fellowman. The speech was more of a warning against people who proclaimed their intellectual superiority by parading in their teachers' robes to receive the people's respect. He warned against those who always were looking out for their own interest for seats in public and or extracting money from the poor without principles. He warned against hypocrites who would pray long prayers just to make an impression on someone.

A little girl who had always attended an old stone church with beautiful stained glass windows was asked the definition of saints. "They are people the light shines through," she replied. Saints are people who radiate the love of God and the love for neighbors.

A saint may wear overalls or \$200 suits. But the person will be real! The way we can make Jesus the Lord of the secular is by becoming involved in the world. God wants to wrap Himself up, to express Himself in the language of service, through me. We would be wrong if we concluded that the essence of Christianity is to withdraw from the world into splendid isolation. There are too many preachers who want to be the pastor of the First Baptist Church of the Wilderness where there are no phones, drunks, mad deacons, pushy WMU ladies, poverty, drugs, and hate that kills. God became involved in the pain of the world in Jesus Christ. The symbol of our faith was not raised in a cathedral between two candles but on a hill outside a city between two thieves.

Christians who are in our churches have divided their lives between sacred and secular and simply do not see how these two can go together. They live one kind of life on Sunday but you should see how they conduct their business on Tuesday. Their witness in the lounge makes their talk ineffective. Do people really love God with all their strength when they will never take a role of responsibility in the service of the church?

Augustine said, "Love God and do what you like. The thing that matters is that the cloverleaf comes under the healing power of the cross. In Corinth Paul 'focused the light of God's love in Christ (symbolized by the cross) upon the dark areas of a secular sex-saturated culture.'"

In the Christian life, everything from P.T.A. to watching television should be under the lordship of Christ. The life of love overcomes the life of boredom and depression. It is good to know that this life is exciting.

## Six Graduates Of MC Among '73 SBC Foreign Missionaries

RICHMOND (BP) — Graduates of 33 of the 43 four-year Southern Baptist colleges and universities were among the 229 persons appointed as Southern Baptist missionaries during 1973.

Eighty-one of the new missionaries were graduates of Baptist institutions. The appointees included career missionary journeymen (college graduates under 27 years of age employed for a two-year term to work overseas with career missionaries and missionary associates (persons 35-65 years of age appointed for renewable four-year terms).

"Baptist colleges" and universities continue to have a vital role in training missionary candidates," said Louis R. Cobbs, secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's missionary personnel department.

"Although the percentage of Baptist students who attend these Baptist schools has decreased in the past 10 years," Cobbs noted, "in 1973, approximately 40 per cent of the career missionaries and 35 per cent of the journeymen appointed were graduates of Baptist colleges."

During the past ten years almost 40 per cent of the missionaries sent out by the Foreign Mission Board have been graduates of Baptist colleges.

During 1973, Baylor University in Waco, Tex., led the Baptist schools with 11 graduates appointed: Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., was second with seven. Mississippi College, Clinton, and Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, each produced six missionaries and Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Tex., had five.

Schools having one graduate among the appointees were: Belmont College in Nashville, Tenn.; Blue Mountain (Miss.) College; California Baptist College, Riverside; Campbellsville (Ky.) College; Cumberland College in Williamsburg, Ky.; Furman University, Greenville, S. C.; and Houston (Tex.) Baptist College.

Also represented by one graduate each were: Judson College, Marion, Ala.; Mary Hardin-Baylor College in Belton, Tex.; Mars Hill (N.C.) College; Meredith College, Raleigh, N.C.; Mobile (Ala.) Baptist College; Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Mo.; Stetson University in Deland, Fla.; Tift College in Forsyth, Ga.; Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, Tex.; William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Miss.; and William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo.

## Organist Honored At Temple, Hattiesburg

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In the morning worship service, a resolution of tribute was read and presented to Mrs. Skipworth by the chairman of the personnel committee, George Taylor, and a gift of \$1,000 was presented by the pastor, Rev. Ermit D. McGregor, on behalf of the church. At the evening worship service, she was presented with a corsage by the chairman of the music committee, Mrs. T. C. Rainey, and an engraved plaque, by the minister of music, Alan B. Celoria, on behalf of the church. Following the evening worship service, a reception in her honor was held.

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## Child Care Executives Name '74-75 Officers

MYRTLE BEACH, S. C. (BP) — J. Ivey Miller, administrator of the Mexican Baptist Children's Home of San Antonio, Tex., was elected president of the Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists, during their 26th annual meeting here.

Other officers elected during the mid-February meeting, attended by executives of Baptist children's homes and their wives were: Charles Wright of Texas Baptist Children's Home in Round Rock, secretary-treasurer; George Norton, superintendent of the Baptist Children's Home in Jacksonville, Fla., first vice president; and Erba A. Butler, superintendent of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, Memphis branch, second vice president.

A spokesman for the organization said the group's members represent 30 Child Care institutions in 17 states across the United States. The next Child Care Executives' meeting will be in Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 18-20, 1975, the spokesman said.



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A recent conference, co-sponsored by the Radio and Television Commission and the Foreign Mission Board, to share ideas and information about communications and to explore ways of mutual cooperation was attended by (from left) Jerry Pillow, marketing services, Radio-TV Commission, Barry Nelson of St. Joseph, Mo., serving in Indonesia; Mark Burris of Greenville, S.C., serving in Singapore and Malaysia; Bill O'Brien of Fort Worth, Texas, serving in Indonesia; Faylen Moore of Meridian, Miss., serving in Vietnam; J. O. Terry of Baton Rouge, La., serving in the Philippines; and Dr. Fred Langham of Richmond, special assistant to the president, Radio-TV Commission. The missionaries are on furlough from their posts with the Foreign Mission Board. — Radio-TV Commission Photo.



"We are known by the people we graduate," is the SBC Education Commission slogan for this year. William Carey College proudly exhibited four of its outstanding alumni on the annual 1974 Homecoming program on February 18, in Hattiesburg. Pose above are rear, from left: Mrs. Elise Curtis, new alumni association president (formerly president of the Mississippi Education Association) and 1928 graduate of the college; and Dr. & Mrs. John McNair, medical mission appointees to India. Dr. McNair holds the PhD in anatomy, having done his undergraduate work at Carey. His wife is also a graduate of Carey and is music assistant in the Church Music Department, MCB. Seated center is Dr. William Osborn, Carey's "Outstanding Alumnus of the Year," a PhD in psychology from the University of California, and prominently involved in a multi-lingual, multi-racial mission program in the San Jose area.



At the annual student-ministers banquet in Ray Dining Hall, Blue Mountain College, these gentlemen participated in the after dinner program as special speakers. Front row, left to right: Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer, MCB; Dr. Foy Rogers, director, Cooperative Missions Department, Convention Board; and Therman Bryant, associate, Cooperative Missions Dept. Standing, left to right: Dr. James L. Travis, head of the Division of Biblical Studies at Blue Mountain; Academic Dean William N. Washburn, BMC; and Dr. E. Harold Fisher, president, Blue Mountain.



John D. Thomas, Hattiesburg-based owner of eight Gibson Discount Centers across the south, second from left, was honored on February 8 in Dallas with the Albert Gallatin award for achievement in "independence, initiative, economic growth and community involvement." On February 15 William Carey College president, Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, right, accepted an additional cash award in honor of Thomas from Leonard E. Kindred, executive vice-president of Cook, Treadwell and Harry, Inc. of Shreveport, representatives of Zurich-American Insurance Company which annually presents the Gallatin award. Thomas who is on the Board of Trustees of the college, shares the honor with his wife who is a partner in the business.

## Names In The News

Dr. Elwyn Wilkinson, Jr., Director of Religious Activities at Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Ky since 1968 has been chosen to appear in the 1974 edition of Who's Who in Kentucky.



Wilkinson, a native of Louisville, Ms., received the B.S. degree in math from Mississippi College, the Bachelor of Divinity and Th.D. degrees at New Orleans Seminary. He also attended the University of Louisville. He has pastored Calvary Church, Baton Rouge, La. and Forrest Avenue Church, Biloxi. He served as a Southern Baptist summer missionary to New York in 1960 and Alaska in 1961. He and his wife, Nancy, have two children, Nathan, 9, and Nathalie, 6.

Dr. W. Levon Moore, pastor of First Church, Pontotoc, will participate in the annual evangelistic crusade in Alaska on March 17-20. He is one of approximately forty Southern Baptist preachers and forty singers from 17 states invited by the Home Mission Board and churches of Alaska to engage in this simultaneous revival effort. His assignment is First Church, Kenai, 180 miles south of Anchorage. First Church, Pontotoc is sharing in this evangelistic outreach by paying the travel expense of their pastor to and from Alaska.



Jimmy Smith of Wheeler, pictured left, was recently licensed to preach the gospel by Wheeler Church. Shown presenting the license is the pastor, Rev. Wiley Gann. Jimmy is a native of Prentiss County and finished high school at Wheeler. He is now employed by Lucky Starr, Inc. of Baldwin. He plans to enter college this fall to study for the ministry. He is now available for supply work.

Charles Laws is recipient of the John F. and Mattie Carter Scholarship for 1974 at Clarke College. This award is provided in an endowment fund established by the two sons of Dr. and Mrs. John F. Carter and their wives: Dr. and Mrs. John T. Carter of Birmingham, Alabama and Dr. and Mrs. Henry S. Carter of De Ridder, Louisiana. The scholarship is given to a second semester freshman preparing for the ministry or other vocational Christian service.



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Farley Earnest (right) visits here with three Southwestern Seminary students, Marti Solomon and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nelson of Vicksburg and Jackson respectively, during a recent meeting of Southwestern's 32 state alumni presidents. Earnest is president of the seminary's Mississippi alumni association.

## Devotional

### Joy And Testing

James 1:2-4  
By W. C. Burns, First, Taylorsville, Pastor

By brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. (James 1:2-4)

Jim was his name. A great guy with a zest for life. He was a big game hunter, pilot, world traveler, successful businessman, and life was full of fun. In fact he had so much fun and excitement in his life he had no time for the Christ to whom I introduced him.

Then Jim made a trip to the hospital to be treated for pneumonia. Again I visited him and we talked about the Lord Jesus. Still no visible results. He grew weaker, and further diagnosis revealed a malignancy already quite advanced.

Jim's zest seemed to vanish. The excitement faded from his countenance and voice. He sold his big game rifle that had been proudly shown to me weeks before. In fact, Jim's purpose for life was now non-existent.

Trips to the hospital became more frequent, so my pastoral visits increased also. One morning I entered the sick room as the nurse was helping Jim take his medicine. The hoarse voice was excited, and a glow was spread across his broad face. "Jim, you look different," I said.

"I am different, preacher!" exclaimed the patient. Thereafter Jim related his midnight experience of accepting Christ Jesus as Lord and Saviour and the joy and peace that God had given him.

Then we talked of God's purpose for the remaining six months that the doctors indicated he might live. That God would make Jim a terrific witness is an understatement. No one who visited "poor Jim" continued to feel sorry for him. He told everybody who visited him about his new life and his new Saviour. The doctors, nurses, family, working pals, and all else heard his testimony. (A nurse reported his last two words were "Jesus Christ.")

Jim didn't live six months. He lived more than a year, was baptized, and continued to witness to anybody who would listen to him. His health crises had pressed him to Jesus, and Jesus had given him the happiest, most joyful experience known to man. In severe testing his joy was realized because he had occasion to know and share his Jesus.

Life's greatest purpose and joy is derived from that certain sense of entering into God's redemptive will. It is said of Jesus, "who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross" (Heb. 12:2). That joy could be nothing less than Jesus' awareness of the Father's redemptive will in which He gladly participated. Despair belongs to those insensitive to the real purpose for life. Joy belongs to people such as Jesus and Jim and others whose suffering circumstances provide the setting for God's redemptive work. For when one suffers physically, endures sweetly, and serves faithfully that is not natural. That is Godly! That is magnetic! That is redemptive! That is joy!

## Revival Dates

Escatawpa (Jackson Association): March 17-22; Rev. W. D. Martin (Step), evangelist; Don Cawthon, music director; Services 10:30 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.; Rev. Ralph Young, pastor.

Oakland Heights, Meridian: March 24-29; Rev. Joel Haire, pastor, First, West Point, evangelist; Cecil Harper, Minister of Music, First, Canton, singer; 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. services; Rev. James Parker, pastor.

Bethel Church, Hazlehurst: March 22, 23, and 24; services Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m.; regular services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday; Rev. Earl Saxon, pastor, New River Church, St. Amant, Louisiana, evangelist; Denise Tyson of Jackson, music director of Bethel Church, singer; Rev. Doug Warren, pastor.

First, New Augusta: March 17-22; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Grady B. Parker, pastor, Oakwood Church, West Columbia, S. C., evangelist; Russell Willingham, minister of music at 19th Avenue, Hattiesburg, singer; Rev. L. C. Newell, Jr., pastor.

Bunker Hill, Columbia: March 22-24; services at 7 p.m.; Rev. James Street, pastor of First, Wiggins, evangelist; Gordon Alford, minister of music at Baxterville, music director; Lina Allen, organist; Diane Wilks, pianist; Rev. David Perry, pastor.

Westwood Church, Meridian: March 24-29; Rev. Joe Blackwell of Kosciusko, evangelist; Arlis Nichols of Enterprise, music director; Mrs. Dale Jackson, organist; Mrs. Terry Trammell, pianist; Rev. W. Buford Usry, pastor.

Ebenezer Church, Senatobia: youth-led revival; March 17-22; Thomas Bonds, pastor of Sardis Lake Church, Sardis, evangelist; music under direction of Clay Moore, minister of Sunday services at regular times; week-night services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Claude Lazenby, pastor.

## Pastoral Ministries Workshop Scheduled At Batesville

NASHVILLE — A workshop focusing on the pastor who is the only staff member in the church will be held April 1-5 at First Church, Batesville.



Conducted by the church administration department of the Sunday School Board in conjunction with the Panola County Baptist Association, the "Pastoral Ministries Workshop" will deal with the pastor's work in leadership, pastoral care and preaching. "Participants will concentrate on skills needed by the pastor who is the only staff member of his church in order to be a generalist," says Walter Bennett, pictured, workshop director and church ministries consultant at the board. "Because he is the only staff member he must involve the lay leadership in building a church team."

Other areas of study will include planning and conducting congregational worship services, working with church groups, church growth and working with deacons.

For information about registration and costs contact G. E. Jolley, superintendent of missions, Panola County Baptist Association, Box 546, Batesville, Miss. 38606.

## Pastor-Song Leader Retreat To Be Held In Olive Branch

A pastor-song leader retreat is planned by the Church Music Department, for March 29-30 at Longview Heights Church, Olive Branch. This retreat is designed especially for pastors and song leaders of smaller churches, to bring fresh ideas for more meaningful church services.

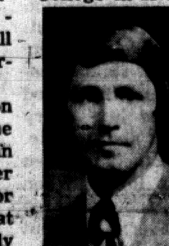
It will begin with supper at 6:30 at the church and conclude with lunch on Saturday.

The registration is limited to the first forty who sign up. It is important, though not required, that both the pastor and song leader attend. It will be helpful also for accompanists.

The aim of this retreat is to provide practical helps for leaders in planning and improving their congregational services. Testimonies from those who attended such events last year indicate they were the most practical meetings they had ever attended. "This one will be practical, informative, inspirational and exciting," states Dan Hall, director, Church Music Dept.

## Pike County Youth To Hear Jerry Mixon

Pike Associational Youth Night will be held Saturday, March 16, 7:30 p.m. at Southwest Mississippi Junior College in Kenna Hall, Summit.



Rev. Jerry Mixon, pictured, former pastor of Pike Association, now serving in full-time evangelistic work, will be the featured speaker.

Curtis Brewer, minister of music at First, Magnolia will lead the congregational singing, with Miss Debbie Rhines, pianist of Terry's Creek Church, accompanist.

Southwest Junior College will host the occasion with an out-of-state choir, presenting a special musical feature.

The public is invited. All Pike County Baptist youth are especially urged to attend.

H. Glen Schilling is associational Church Training Director, and Glen Williams is supt. of missions.

## Off The Record

Two-year-old Tara escaped from her mother in church one day and claimed a seat in the men's choir, singing to the top of her voice.

After capturing Tara, her mother started to the nursery with her.

Sensing that punishment was imminent, Tara said quickly, "But, Mother, I sang in the choir; and I sang beautiful too. Praise the Lord."

—Mrs. Louise Smith  
Columbus, Miss.

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—Nuggets.

I feel like an Egyptian mummy. Pressed for time.

## New Pastor At Pleasant Hill

Rev. Carl Dickerson, pictured, is the new pastor of Pleasant Hill Church, Route 2, Bogue Chitto.

Mr. Dickerson and his wife, Margaret, are both from Jackson. He is working on a Doctor of Education degree from New Orleans Seminary.

In May of last year he received the Master of Divinity degree from New Orleans and in December he was awarded the Master of Religious Education degree there.



## Maranatha To Sing In Greenwood

On March 15 at 7:30 p.m., MARANATHA, a Hattiesburg-based group of young people, will be in concert at Leflore Associational Youth Rally at Pillow Academy, Greenwood. Under the musical direction of Ranny Lindsey, this group of young Christians travel throughout the nation sharing their love for Jesus Christ in song and testimony. They have been honored as "HATTIESBURG'S GOOD WILL AMBASSADORS."



## Immanuel, Olive Branch, Sells \$200,000 In Bonds In Ten Days

A \$200,000 bond issue was sold in 10 days by Immanuel Church, Olive Branch. Pictured are George King and co-laborers who led the church in the sale. Left to right: Mr. King, Capt. Martin, Mrs. Andrew Jones, Mrs. Frank Farabee, J. D. Voyles, Mrs. Dean Hollowell, Billy Allen, Joel Stewart, Cecil Stallings, Richard Samuel, and Roy Voyles. Pastor Vance Marberry and the church secretary, Mrs. Ralph Wagner, are seated at the desk.

This bond issue was sold in order that the first unit of a long-range building program could be completed. The church is developing a 5-acre

tract of land just north and west of Olive Branch. In spite of the many needs for the new church at this time the membership continues to give 10 per cent of its receipts to mission causes at home and around the world.

The nine deacons of the church feel that one of the greatest matters of service is found in the principle of the family ministry that has long been used by the Southern Baptist Convention. These men are: Charles Barry, Frank Farabee, Andrew Jones, George King, Bruce Sinquefeld, Clarence Spencer, J. D. Voyles, Ralph Wagner, Larry Windham.

The church was one year old in October of 1973.

## Fellowship To Dedicate New Wing At Homecoming

Fellowship Church, Bellefontaine, has set March 24 as a special day of homecoming for all former pastors, members and friends. Also, on this day the new educational wing will be dedicated.

The program will begin with Sunday School at 10 and will be followed by preaching at 11 and an old-time pot-luck lunch together at noon. The afternoon program at 2 p.m. will include special recognitions, special singing, and the dedication of the new educational wing. The dedication message will be brought by Rev. James Drane, associational missionary from Zion.

"The church extends a welcome to all former pastors, members, and interested friends," says Rev. Jimmy McHann, pastor.